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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS
POSED IN REFTTEL CONCERNING THE NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES IN
TURKEY.

A. THE GENERAL COMMAND OF JANDARMA (GENDARMERIE) AND THE
TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP) ARE THE TWO AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE
FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT WITHIN TURKEY. THE MINISTRY OF
CUSTOMS AND MOMOPOLIES HAS NO INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY, BUT
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERDICTION OF CONTRABAND, INCLUDING
NARCOTICS, AT POSTS AND BORDERS. THE JANDARMA, A NATIONAL
(RURAL) POLICE AGENCY, HAS BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ALL
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (NCO'S) AND OFFICERS. THEY CONTAIN
LIMITED NARCOTICS INSTRUCTION. (APPROXIMATELY 52 HOURS FOR
OFFICERS IN A TOTAL ONE-YEAR SCHOOL, AND 15 HOURS FOR NCO'S IN
A TOTAL THREE-MONTH SCHOOL). THE TRAINING CONSISTS OF IDENTIFICATION
OF DRUGS, TURKISH DRUG LAWS, ETC. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE
JANDARMA DOES NOT HAVE A NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM OTHER THAN
THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED IN BASIC TRAINING. THEY RELIED, IN THE
PAST, EXCLUSIVELY ON THE U.N. AND DEA TRAINING PROGRAMS TO
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TRAIN THEIR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. THE

JANDARMA IS FORMULATING PLANS TO INITIATE A NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM CONSISTING OF ONE TO TWO WEEKS FOR ALL NEW NCO'S AND OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THEIR NARCOTICS SECTION. THEY ARE ALSO FORMULATING PLANS FOR PERIODIC REFRESHER TRAINING FOR ALL PERSONNEL. THE TNP, A NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CITIES AND METROPOLITAN AREAS, ALSO HAS A BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM FOR RANKING (COMMISSIONED) AND NON-RANKING (NON-COMMISSIONED) OFFICERS. IN THE BASIC TRAINING FOR NON-RANKING OFFICERS, THERE IS VERY LITTLE NARCOTICS INSTRUCTION. FOR RANKING OFFICERS THERE IS VERY BASIC INSTRUCTION, AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY TEN HOURS. THE TNP HAS RELIED TOTALLY ON DEA AND THE U.N. TO SUPPLY THE NARCOTICS TRAINING TO RANKING AND NON-RANKING OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THEIR NARCOTICS SECTION. (1972 TO 1975 DEA/UN HAS CONDUCTED FIVE SCHOOLS TRAINING APPROXIMATELY 300 TNP OFFICERS. THIS IS ALMOST THE ENTIRE COMPLIMENT OF TNP OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT.) CUSTOMS MINISTRY AT PRESENT HAS NO NARCOTICS TRAINING, EITHER WITHIN OTHER TRAINING COURSES OR AS SEPARATE COURSE.

B. OTHER THAN BASIC TRAINING, NEITHER TNP NOR THE JANDARMA PROVIDES NARCOTICS INSTRUCTION AS PART OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS.

C. THE JANDARMA HAS TWO TRAINING ACADEMIES, ONE FOR OFFICERS AND THE OTHER FOR NCO'S, BOTH LOCATED IN ANKARA, TURKEY. THESE ACADEMIES OFFER ONLY BASIC POLICE TRAINING, WHICH CONTAINS VERY LITTLE NARCOTIC INSTRUCTION. THE TNP HAS FIVE POLICE SCHOOLS, LOCATED THROUGHOUT TURKEY, WHICH OFFER ONLY BASIC TRAINING TO NON-RANKING TNP OFFICERS. THERE IS NO NARCOTIC INSTRUCTION IN THIS TRAINING. THERE IS ALSO A POLICE ACADEMY WHICH OFFERS BASIC TRAINING TO OFFICERS, WITH VERY LIMITED NARCOTIC INSTRUCTION, AND A TRAINING CENTER, WHICH OFFERS SPECIALIZED TRAINING, I.E., TRAFFIC, HOMICIDE, ETC. BOTH OF THESE ARE LOCATED AT ANKARA, TURKEY. CUSTOMS MINISTRY HAS TRAINING CENTER LOCATED IN MAIN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN ANKARA, MAINLY INVOLVED IN TRAINING NEW OFFICERS BUT ALSO GIVING SOME FOLLOW-UP COURSES.

D. THE JANDARMA INSTRUCTORS ARE BOTH NCO'S AND OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN TO THE UN, DEA AND/OR FBI ADVANCED TRAINING SCHOOLS (I.E. DEA SIX-WEEK TRAINING SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D.C.), AT WHICH THEY RECEIVED SOME COURSES IN METHODS OF INSTRUCTION. THESE INSTRUCTORS ARE AUGMENTED BY HIGH-RANKING JANDARMA OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS WHO TEACH COURSES WHICH ARE THEIR SPECIALTY AND IN WHICH THEY GAVE RECEIVED ADVANCED TRAINING. THE JANDARMA INSTRUCTORS ARE GENERALLY TRANSFERRED TO OTHER JOBS, BUT SOME OF THEM CAN AND DO REMAIN AS PERMANENT INSTRUCTORS, WITH THEIR PROMOTIONS COMING IN THIS SPECIALTY. THE TNP HAS NO PERMANENT INSTRUCTOR STAFF. THE INSTRUCTORS FOR SPECIALIZED

TRAINING SCHOOLS, I.E., TRAFFIC, ARE TNP OFFICERS FROM THEIR PARTICULAR SPECIALIZED UNITS. THE OFFICERS FROM THE NARCOTIC SECTION WHO WOULD BE USED AS INSTRUCTORS HAVE BEEN TO DEA AND/OR U.N. ADVANCED TRAINING SCHOOLS. THE CAPABILITY OF THE JANDARMA INSTRUCTORS IS VERY LIMITED. NONE OF THEM HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PER SE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, MANY OF THEM LEAVE AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME TO ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS; AND AS A RESULT, THERE IS THE CONSTANT PROBLEM OF NEW INSTRUCTORS, INEXPERIENCED IN SUBJECT, TRAINING AND BACKGROUND, BEING PLACED IN THE TRAINING SCHOOLS. THE CAPABILITY OF THE TNP INSTRUCTORS IS EVEN LESS. THE TNP INSTRUCTORS ARE OFFICERS BROUGHT INTO THE ACADEMY TO GIVE A SPECIFIC COURSE ON A SPECIFIC DAY, THE ONLY PRE-REQUISITE BEING THAT THE COURSE IS IN THEIR SPECIALTY. NO THOUGH IS GIVEN TO THEIR TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, OR BACKGROUND AS INSTRUCTORS. CUSTOMS MINISTRY ALSO HAS NO PERMANENT INSTRUCTORS AND USES REGULAR OFFICERS FROM OTHER POSITIONS TO TEACH TRAINING COURSES, DETAILING THEM ONLY FOR PARTICULAR LECTURES OR COURSES.

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E. DURING THE PERIOD 1972 TO 1976, DEA PROVIDED TO THE JANDARMA THREE IN-COUNTRY TRAINING SCHOOLS AND ALSO HAS SENT A TOTAL OF TWELVE JANDARMA OFFICERS TO THE SIX-WEEK TRAINING SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE U.N. HAS CONDUCTED ONE IN-COUNTRY TRAINING SCHOOL AND EVERY YEAR APPROXIMATELY TWO TO FIVE JANDARMA OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE U.N. ADVANCED TRAINING SCHOOL IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND. THESE PROGRAMS TOGETHER HAVE RESULTED IN THE TRAINING OF 360 JANDARMA OFFICERS AND NCO'S. FOR THE TNP, DEA HAS CONDUCTED FOUR IN-COUNTRY TRAINING SCHOOLS AND A TOTAL

OF TWELVE TNP OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE DEA SIX-WEEK ADVANCED TRAINING SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE U.N. HAS PROVIDED ONE IN-COUNTRY TRAINING SCHOOL AND EACH YEAR ACCEPTS APPROXIMATELY TWO TO FIVE TNP OFFICERS AT ITS ADVANCED TRAINING SCHOOL IN GENEVA. THIS HAS RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY 300 TNP RANKING AND NON-RANKING OFFICERS BEING TRAINED IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE COMBINED TOTAL OF TRAINED OFFICERS REPRESENTS ALMOST THE ENTIRE COMPLEMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR BOTH THE JANDARMA AND TNP NARCOTICS SECTIONS. U.S. CUSTOMS HELD TWO TWO-WEEK NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSES FOR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN 1976. ALTHOUGH THESE COURSES WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR INSTRUCTORS, SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS ARE INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF NEW CUSTOMS OFFICERS (ALTHOUGH, AS NOTED EARLIER, CUSOMS MINISTRY STILL DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY NARCOTICS TRAINING).

F. THERE HAS BEEN NO NARCOTICS TRAINING CONDUCTED BY TNP, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE JANDARMA OR CUSTOMS MINISTRY FOR THEIR PERSONNEL. TO DATE, DEA, U.N. AND U.S. CUSTOMS HAVE PROVIDED ALL OF THE NARCOTICS TRAINING TO THESE AGENCIES. AS A RESULT, AN ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE TNP AND JANDARMA CANNOT BE MADE.

G. TNP, THE JANDARMA, AND CUSTOMS MINISTRY WOULD ALL ACCEPT A PROGRAM TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CAPABILITIES. THE JANDARMA IS FORMULATING PLANS TO INCREASE ITS NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM BY INITIATING ONE-TO-TWO WEEK NARCOTICS TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR ALL NEW NCO'S AND OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE NARCOTICS SECTION AND REFRESHER COURSES FOR ALL PERSONNEL. THE PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN STATE REFTEL WOULD BE A GREAT BENEFIT TO THE JANDARMA'S FUTURE PLANS AND IS ESSENTIAL TO THE TNP, AND CUSTOMS MINISTRY. IT IS NOW KNOWN IF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (WHICH CONTROLS TNP AND THE JANDARMA) WOULD ACCEPT THIS PROGRAM AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION, BUT AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO BRING THIS PROGRAM TO ITS ATTENTION. MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES PLANS TO ESTABLISH A NARCOTICS TRAINING CENTER AND HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING INSTRUCTORS, SETTING UP TRAINING CENTERS AND ORGANIZING CURRICULUM (SEE ANKARA REFTEL)

H. THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT IF PROPOSED PROGRAM IS ACCEPTED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, BOTH THE TNP AND JANDARMA IDENTIFY THE MOST QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, REGARDLESS OF RANK, PRESENT BACKGROUND OR TRAINING. THESE CANDIDATES WOULD ATTEND A DEA IN-COUNTRY BASIC COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS. AFTER THIS DEA, TRAINING BOTH THE TNP AND JANDARMA INSTRUCTORS, SHOULD PLAN, INITIATE AND CONDUCT A NARCOTIC TRAINING SCHOOL, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF

DEA. ONLY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE SHOULD CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR TNP OR JANDARMA OFFICERS. MISSION ENDORSES STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH OUTLINED IN ANKARA REFTEL TO ASSIST CUSTOMS MINISTRY IN ESTABLISHING ITS PROPOSED NARCOTCS TRAINING CENTER.

I. AT PRESENT, TURKEY DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT REGIONAL TRAINING. THERE IS NO PERMANENT, TRAINED INSTRUCTOR STAFF WITHIN TURKISH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT REGIONAL TRAINING. WHEN AND IF TURKEY GAINS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAPABILITY, THEY WOULD INSTITUTE REGIONAL TRAINING, AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO, BUT MANY PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT POLITICALLY, FINANCIALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY.
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